

Housing: Community coming, students leaving

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Carroll College is offering its new apartments to faculty, graduate students, and Helena area community members due to financial constraints.

The combination of falling enrollment numbers and a tightening housing market in Helena prompted Carroll officials to announce the temporary change to apartment considerations.

"The institution made the decision that it would be financially responsible to rent the apartments in phase 2 to community members, alumni, and faculty and staff," said Emily Busby, assistant dean of students and director of residential life and housing, new this year to Carroll.

Currently, Carroll College offers four apartment buildings for student housing on campus. However, under the initial plan, effective at the end of May, this would be reduced to two apartments. St. Alfred's and St. John's no longer be available to undergraduate students. Instead, they would be used for faculty and staff, graduate students, and community members at increased rate. Under this plan, the apartment buildings are broken into two phases. St. Katherine and St. Matthew constitute phase one, while St. Alfred and St. John constitute phase two.

"I understand and want to support Carroll College in this initiative to be more financially stable and prepare for the future but had some great conversations with students and decided maybe there was a better way," Busby said.

In the new plan, according to Busby, no new students will be eligible to apply for housing in St. Albert's or St. John's for the 2021-2022 academic year. However, non-graduating students currently living in St. Albert's or St. John's will be



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St. Matthew and St. Catherine apartment buildings

allowed to remain for the next year. The two apartments will be completely vacated of undergraduate students by the end of May 2022.

"A series of communications will go out to students in priority of their current area and their seniority as a student," Busby said.

The application process for apartments begins Monday, March 22 at 8 a.m. for current apartment residents. Applications open to rising seniors, not already living

in the apartments, at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, March 23 and at noon for rising juniors. On Wednesday, March 24 applications open to all remaining eligible students.

Despite adjustments to the initial plan to address student concerns, many students remain unsettled and confused by Carroll's decision.

"I feel frustrated and confused," said Hayden Miller, sophomore biology major from Camas, Washington. "I just want to know why a private campus is becoming

a public community center."

It's about the money.

"What we are dealing with right now, is what pretty much every college in the United States is dealing with. That is that the pandemic has really affected our finances. So, Carroll College being a private college doesn't have any buffer such as state support that a public institution would," said Judy Hay, interim dean of students.

According to Hay, the board directed the institution to have a balanced budget by the end of this year, requiring many tough decisions. Housing is generally a place on campus that can generate revenue for the institution, and one that can make adjustments to overcome financial obstacles.

"The goal is that we have so many students are at students that we fill every bed on campus, but right now we don't have enough students to fill the residence halls. I can't rent a residence hall room to a married couple with children. The need for the community is affordable housing, so this could potentially be something mutually beneficial," said Busby.

The residential life and housing staff are working hard to accommodate all students housing needs and the needs of the institution. They are also aware of student concerns. Although this announcement alarmed many students, the changes are not permanent.

"The plan is for this to be a temporary measure to help the college with finances and then when enrollment returns and we have recovered from the pandemic and all of that, they will go back to having all four apartment buildings open for student occupation," said Hay.



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Editorial: Not for school or for life

Change is inevitable, and Carroll's campus is not an exception to the rule. As a student, I expected there to be changes to tuition, housing, courses and programs, and even administration. What I didn't expect was a change in my feelings and attitude towards the college.

I have deep respect and admiration for the professors and faculty who constantly work to make this school a better place. I have made connections with my professors, and created memories that will last a lifetime. I will always cherish the education this campus has offered me.

What I will not cherish is the shift from feeling like a student, to feeling like a dollar sign. This is a feeling that began long before the changes made to housing and cutting of programs.

I recognize that there is a human being behind all of these tough decisions to make, especially when it comes to recovering financially. But there is also another human being on the receiving end of these changes. It feels as though administration thinks that the word "student" is synonymous with "someone who pays the bills." The consequences of these changes may very well be the fate and future of Carroll College.

Carroll College is reliant on its student body to create a culture and community that supports its students both academically and socially. In addition, we as students are the face for prospective students, and expected to create a welcoming environment.

This has become an issue because the tools necessary to do so are becoming harder and harder to obtain. Instead of working on creating an inclusive culture, students spend their time trying to get their basic needs met and heard.

As a junior, rising senior, nothing hurts more than having to explain to 1st and 2nd year students how much fun Carroll used to be. In addition, it hurts just as much to hear from seniors who are approaching graduation tell stories about how vibrant this campus used to be.



Kelsey Jones and Emily Murgel stand outside St. Charles Hall.

These feelings came before the pandemic began, but have been emphasized since last March. This campus has frequently become silenced. Students have tirelessly fought to be heard, which is only seen as complaints because changes are "just an inconvenience" to us. Administration often responds to complaints with assuming that students are simply "entitled" when the reality is that wanting basic needs met is not entitled, it's deserved.

The campus will hold forums for students to participate in where they listen to us, but they are not hearing us. For example, the town hall meetings discussing the changes to the apartments were not for open discussion. Rather

they were to inform students about the changes and decisions that were already made.

Valuable feedback was requested, but when students asked questions to give feedback it felt that questions were being evaded. This trend is nothing new to Carroll students.

I have not met a single person who does not understand the financial burdens of this pandemic, and the impacts of low enrollment from previous years.

However, I have also not met a student who has said, yes I think we should only have two apartment buildings for students? Yes we should make all Anthrozoology majors all live on the same floor in Trinity. Yes I want strangers living in my home away from home. Yes I want Carroll to take care of the Helena

community, before the Carroll community. Yes I want my fellow students to feel unsafe or uncomfortable.

Students are not opposed to change happening for us, we are opposed to change happening to us. Students are screaming to be heard and it feels as though the administration refuses to listen. Students want to be a part of change and the growth that happens on Carroll's campus but if administration refuses to compromise, and genuinely listen, Carroll's phrase will change from "not for school but for life" but to "not for school OR for life."

Truly yours,
Emily Murgel

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Editorial: Vaccines save lives!

Vaccines save lives. In today's world, we are constantly being bombarded with information whether it be from the radio, TV, Instagram, Twitter, Facebook, or even Tik Tok. While there are benefits from these media outlets, we all need to be careful what information we are labeling as "factual" and sharing with others, when it has not been verified by a credible source.

In the last few months, I have seen of lot of false information regarding the COVID-19 vaccine, politics, and world events. The scariest and most detrimental misinformation is regarding the vaccine.

While everyone has to make the choice for themselves about the vaccine, it's important to not spread false information about it.

It's good to be curious and skeptical about the world around you, but before you share "what you heard from Tik Tok," think about the consequences of having an individual not get the vaccine because of what you shared

with them.

People may choose to not get the vaccine based on an untrue rumor, leaving them and the people around them vulnerable to virus.

There are harsh repercussions from spreading fake news and buying into the nonsense you hear from uncredible sources.

When we begin to "buy in" to these crazy rumors, it's like putting gas on a fire. COVID-19 is awful, but having people die from COVID-19 because they are afraid of the vaccine due to untrue rumors is even worse.

The vaccine saves lives and has the power to help us return to life as we knew it before the pandemic.

Truly yours,
Kelsey Jones

Letter to the Editor:

A thank you to the Carroll community

Our granddaughter Michaela Fetzer was in a serious car accident last October. We would like to thank the Carroll College student body, teachers, coaches and athletic trainers for their support and help.

The Carroll College softball team has

been especially supportive during her many surgeries and rehabilitation.

Our heartfelt thanks to everyone who has helped Michaela on her road to recovery.

Clem and Alice Williams
Missoula

Balancing our budget: **Realign, Reinvest, & Reimagine**

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Staff Writer

To confront a drop in student numbers and budget woes due to a changing undergrad arena and the COVID-19 pandemic, the Carroll College Board of Trustees met on Feb. 26 to vote on eliminating some degrees and programs in order to balance the budget.

According to the Helena Independent Record, at the beginning of fall semester 2020, Carroll's budget gap was \$4.7 million. When Carroll College President John Cech unveiled the Realign, Reinvest, Reimagine plan on Dec. 14, 2020, the budget gap had been cut by \$2.5 million, but income is still lower than originally anticipated.

"The most current projection has improved to an 3.8% budget shortfall for this fiscal year," Cech said.

According to Cech, the following updates are included in this forecast: Spring 2021 enrollment census numbers; COVID-19 related revenue and expenses; one-time federal COVID-19 relief funds allocated to institutions of higher education; and temporary and permanent budget adjustments.

The elimination of the French and physics majors and minors are being considered. A framework is in development that would continue to offer these two discipline-specific courses to serve core curriculum and major requirements.

The Faculty Assembly approved a Cer-

tificate in Healthcare Leadership. Carroll is already approved to offer a Bachelor of Science in nursing. The Certification in Financial Planning has passed the first reading. The Master of Social Work is in the process of approval and accreditation. Doctor of Nurse Practice and the Master of Public Health are both starting to be explored.

The Bachelor of Science program for electrical engineering and engineering mathematics has not been finalized. Currently, the plan is a dual-degree similar to Carroll's engineering 3-2 program. A 3-2 program is where a student spends three years at a liberal arts college and two at a university with an engineering school. However, for Carroll's 3-2 program, students will not leave Carroll. Students who complete this program will earn an electrical engineering degree from the University of North Dakota and a bachelor's degree from Carroll.

The Enhanced Green Honors Program, Living Learning Communities, Marching Band, and outdoor recreation clubs (biking, skiing, etc.) are still in the business planning stages.

Business plans have been developed for junior varsity sports and an eSports team that will be implemented for the Fall 2021 semester.

The Division of Student Engagement and Mission Integration is a part of the RRR Plan that will be implemented Fall 2021 semester as well. Michael McMahon, vice president of student and mission

integration, will head the division in this new, uncharted role.

"I've been trying to learn a good deal about how we do things here at Carroll College so I can best support the work that is already going on," McMahon said. "Ambiguity presents its challenges, right? But I think that the privilege of serving at Carroll College makes me excited about the opportunity to have and bring together a division that has so much potential to do great and good for the college."

Throughout the RRR Plan, the voice of students has been notably absent, even though they're the reason Carroll exists in the first place.

"It was hard because the [RRR] plan didn't actually get approved till February 26. So they didn't really have a solidified version of it, so I think that is why there is a lot of miscommunication and why the students haven't been fully involved is because the plan is still in development, and they didn't want to share false information..." said Shae Bills, president of Associated Students of Carroll College (ASCC) Student Government. "That doesn't mean the school couldn't have involved the students more

in the discussions and kept them updated frequently throughout the process."

Bills added that the students feel like they haven't really been informed.

"It's frustrating when you don't know if your best friend is going to transfer or your favorite teacher is going to get cut or your program is going to get cut," he said. "...It's frustrating to have to wait for the

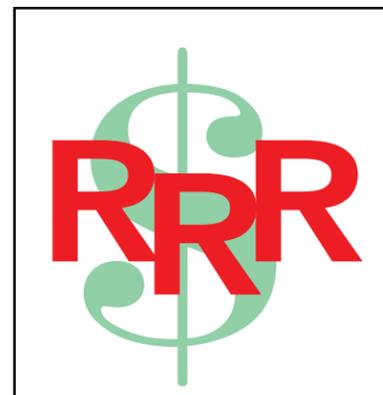
results of something like [the RRR Plan]."

As of March 12, the deposit numbers for first-year students at Carroll are 35% ahead of the past five years performance, according to Cech.

When asked about the implications of COVID-19 for the Fall 2021 semester, Cech stated that he envisions it "to look a lot like the Fall of 2019 semester" because of the improvement of

vaccine administration. Carroll will continue to follow rules, regulations, and recommendations with the hope of enough students being vaccinated to reach herd immunity.

The Carroll College Board of Trustees will meet again in May in regard to the RRR Plan.



Admissions optimistic about fall enrollment

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Staff Writer

There is currently an air of spring and excitement for Carroll College admissions.

As of March 12, 169 first year students had already put down a deposit for Fall semester 2021, according to Carroll College President John Cech. The incom-

ing class is 15% up in admissions from this time last year. Open house events have had a strong participation rate, both in-person and online, which could indicate a larger class size than previous recruitment seasons.

"I have been very impressed with Carroll College and its stellar recruitment team...admissions counselors as well as the student employees (Gold Team)," said Richard "Chip" Hinton, the new Assistant

Vice President of Enrollment at Carroll College. "It is their enthusiasm and positive energy that draws perspective students to Carroll."

Hinton is originally from Oklahoma City. He earned his bachelor's degree in business administration and economics from Benedict College in Columbia, SC, before spending most of his professional life in Atlanta. Before coming to Carroll, he served as the Director of University

Admissions at the University of Mary in Bismarck, ND, where he earned his master's degree in business administration.

Hinton's first impression of the students, faculty, and staff at Carroll is that it is a place of "integrity, faith, and fun!" He adds that he is "excited to serve with all of [the Carroll community]."

Guad Hill Sledding Party

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Staff Writer

Picture this: A whitewater raft full of students, but instead of hurtling down a raging river, it is cruising down the icy Guadalupe (Guad) hill.

On Saturday, Feb. 20, Carroll Adventure and Mountaineering Program (CAMP) teamed up with Carroll Student Activities (CSA) for a sledding party on Guad hill. It is not your usual sled night with saucers or foam sleds; the CAMP leaders blew up two rafts and carried them up to the top of the hill. Some leaders also built a small jump at the bottom of the hill.

CSA set up two speakers to blast background music. Initially, only a few students participated. Then an hour into the event, the loud music and students' screams from the thrilling raft ride attracted more to join the fun.

"It was a spontaneous event that was much more successful than we thought it would be," said CAMP leader Alli Buckner, a senior nursing major from Bozeman. "It was absolutely a hoot and [a] half to watch people fly down the hill in a raft, screaming and soaring through the air."

Student sledders were a mix of different classes. The third- and fourth-year students were ready to show off some sledding skill, and the freshmen weren't afraid to send it down the hill. People were piling into the rafts; everyone was ready to be a part of this sledding party of the decade.

"The last time I went sledding down the

hill was probably my sophomore year, so it is nice to be back," said Buckner.

Due to COVID, few events have been held on campus this year. This was one of the first bigger in-person events of the school year.

"I felt good knowing that despite COVID, we were still able to have fun and be safe," said Guillermo Perez-Ochoa, a freshmen political science and French major from Denver. "It was icy, I almost killed someone, but the rafts

were awesome. Overall, I'm very grateful that CSA and CAMP organized this event. I had a great time bonding with my friends and getting to know some upperclassmen."



White snow rafting! Carroll students sled down Guad Hill on an inflatable raft on Feb. 20.

Photo courtesy of CSA

Carroll considers internal candidate for academic dean

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Staff Writer

Carroll is considering an internal candidate to serve as senior vice president for academic affairs. President John Cech announced on March 23 that Jennifer Glowienka, Carroll's associate vice president for academic affairs, is a finalist for the position.

The position was previously offered to Thomas Knothe, who declined his offer to serve in the position on March 5 due to family circumstances.

"My plans have changed due to family

circumstances and it looks like I won't be coming to Carroll after all," said Knothe.

"My heart goes out to Dr. Knothe and his family as they are dealing with a family health situation, which precluded their ability to continue with the plans to come to Carroll," said Cech. "I shared with him that my wife Victoria and I are keeping them in our daily prayers and know that they will have a lot of Saints praying for them."

The search for a new vice president resumed the week of March 7. The search committee and Cech met March 8. Cech sent an email to Carroll faculty and staff

regarding position profiles and applications for the new position.

"We will initially open up internally to see if we have anyone here on campus who would like to apply for an internal perspective, and then based on what we see there, decide whether or not we open it up externally again," said Cech.

The email said the closing date for Carroll faculty and staff applications was March 19 and applications would be reviewed by the search committee by March 26.

Current Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs Cathy Day is scheduled

to retire June 30. She was the associate vice president of academic affairs for five years, then got promoted to the senior vice president of academic affairs. She has been in this position for three years.

"I feel fortunate to have been at Carroll," said Day. "The students, faculty and staff work together to solve issues and treat each other with dignity. I have valued that and I feel very lucky to have spent these last years here."

According to an email from Cech, Carroll will hold opportunities for staff, faculty, students and board members to interact with Glowienka on March 31.

Tuition increase expected for 2021-2022

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The cost of tuition and fees is expected to increase for Carroll College students in the upcoming academic year.

"The Carroll College Board of Trustees has set our tuition and fees for the 2021-2022 academic year," Carroll College President John Cech said in an email to the students. "They have kept increases minimal this year with a 2.0% tuition in-

crease (\$724 per year). The undergraduate fee is increasing by \$120. There will be a 3% increase for dining but no increase in housing, thus cumulatively room and board is increasing by 1.5% (\$154)."

To help students cover the cost of school, Janet Riis, Director of Financial Aid at Carroll College, wants to remind students of the services available to them at Financial Aid.

"We want to remind the students of the special circumstance form," Riis said. "If

they are experiencing a loss of income, uninsured medical costs, or any other financial emergencies, this would be the form to look at."

Students can access the special circumstance form by looking it up on the Carroll College website. The deadline for filling out this form is Aug. 1.

Riis also wanted to remind students of other ways Financial Aid can help students.

"We also want to remind students to fill

out the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) if they haven't already so we can figure out their financial aid for next year," Riis said. "We also encourage students to look at scholarships outside of the school. Also, feel free to schedule an appointment on Handshake with us at any time if you have questions!"

These resources are available to help students as they figure out how to pay for the increased costs of school.

Bigs, Littles & Saints: Campus Easter Egg Hunt for Littles

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Staff Writer

The Carroll College public relations class led by Brent Northup is partnering with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Helena and Great Falls for a class public relations campaign. The goal is to increase awareness of the organization for Carroll College students in hopes they will become a Big Brother or Sister.

"Carroll College and its students have a long history of partnering with and supporting Big Brothers Big Sisters, and we are grateful to work with their Public Relations class this semester," said Mike Buchanan, the Vice President of Programs at Big Brothers Big Sisters of Helena and Great Falls.

With all of the unknowns associated with COVID, some folks have understandably been hesitant to enroll as Bigs or enroll their children as Littles. Big Brothers Big Sisters wants to let the community know that they are open and are looking to create more mentoring relationships.

Big Brothers Big Sisters helps children by adding another positive adult to their lives in the form of a mentor. The organization makes meaningful, monitored matches between adult volunteers ("Bigs") and children ("Littles"), ages 6

through 18, in Helena, Boulder, and Great Falls. These relationships have a direct and lasting effect on the lives of young people.

Big Brothers Big Sisters is the only prevention program in Montana proven to affect a broad spectrum of risk factors: delinquency; alcohol, tobacco and drug use; teen pregnancy; and school dropout.

The class has planned an Easter egg hunt on Carroll's campus inviting all children from the community to participate and learn more about Big Brothers Big Sisters.

"We are all excited about slowly rolling into public events again! An Easter egg hunt is a great way to start, since by nature it is an activity that spreads people out," said Kelly McDermott, Development Coordinator at Big Brothers Big Sisters of Helena and Great Falls.

This event will take place on Sunday, March 28 at 1 p.m. with kids 8 and under starting at 1:15 p.m. and those 9 years old and above starting at 1:30 p.m.. The meeting place will be on the hill of St. Charlies and social distancing measures will be taking place. Attendees will be wearing masks and following the Lewis and Clark County Health Department's COVID-19 guidelines. Prizes have been donated from local Helena businesses.

Carroll students will not be able to hunt for eggs.



Defend our defenders



Shelby Sola

Staff Columnist

Imagine a world without the media. Love letters would still be a thing and we all would know what a pen pal is. We would be able to hold intellectual conversations with one another, face to face, instead of staring at our phone screens and sharing the latest Bachelor memes with each other. We wouldn't feel so threatened by the world around us because we wouldn't have access to the scary pictures that the media paints for us.

Now, imagine a world without first responders. Who would you call if your house was on fire? Or if your car was broken into? Or if you got into an accident? Would you just hope that someone came by with enough water to put the fire out, or that you find the person who stole the belongings in your car and got them back yourself, or would you fix your own broken leg and drive your totaled car

home?

As silly as all of those scenarios are, they're real and they happen every day, but we have first responders for a reason: to help people in emergency situations. The craziest part is they answer those 9/11 calls regardless of your race, religion, socioeconomic status, and your gender. First responders are the backbone of our world, including police officers.

While the media portrays police officers in the ugliest manner, they are still going to work every day and helping people, with fear in their hearts that they might not make it back home that night. To be threatened and slandered on a regular basis is something that I cannot imagine, but for some reason, cops have been labeled as racists, as if racism doesn't exist if you are not in uniform.

The issue with racism is that it is universal and it exists everywhere, but the media won't show you racism where it isn't publicized. They'll take the easiest route to expose it and cops have been the target for almost a year now.

The media has dehumanized police officers and normalized disrespecting the badge, which has left our country divided more than ever before. It's easy to have a one-track mind and just assume all cops are bad when that's all the media shows you, but it's a whole different story when you're willing to accept what you don't understand and ask those hard questions so you know all sides of the situation.

Up until about a year ago, I never once saw myself pursuing a career in the dangerous field of law enforcement, but as the events of this last year have unfolded I have a newfound appreciation for the men and women in blue. And while I am fully aware that there are people who won't support me, I am going into this job with an open and honest mind in hopes to prove to the people I encounter that not all cops are bad. I am not naive to the issue of systematic racism, but being aware of the issue is the first step in demolishing it.

I spent the summer of 2020 in Seattle watching people march with their

"Defund the Police" and "Black Lives Matter" signs while they destroyed our city and all it did was add fuel to my fire to want this job even more. I strongly believe that if people want to see a change, they themselves have to be the change, and if all you're doing is vandalizing precincts, throwing explosives at officers, and shutting down highways, then the only change that you'll see from that is the change that leaves your pocket from all the court fees.

Cops aren't going anywhere, no matter how many petitions you sign to defund them. Despite what the media has manipulated you to believe, they really aren't your enemy. As an aspiring police officer, I hope I can send the right message to whoever I meet, that I am here to help in any way possible, not to hurt you because of the color of your skin. Racism is a sickening belief that has destroyed so many lives, but cops should not be labeled as racists when it exists in all areas of the world.

Faith on campus: Celebrating Borromeo Chapel

Vicente Gallardo

Column

Recently, it seems that many of the conversations surrounding religious spaces here at Carroll have been dominated by the shiny new All Saints Chapel. All Saints is a beautiful space don't get me wrong, but when looking around one can see that Carroll possesses a myriad of beautiful religious spaces.

I would like to shift the focus for a second and talk about, in my opinion, one of the most underrated and least talked about religious spaces, the Borromeo Hall Chapel, or if called by its proper and even lesser known name; Saint Joseph's Chapel.

In a brief conversation, Father Marc and I walked around the Chapel and talked about both the historical importance of the Chapel and its importance to those that pray there and the Carroll Community as a whole.

Originally completed before the Second Vatican Council, the Chapel possesses features that may seem unfamiliar to our contemporary eyes. There are two wings in the Chapel which hold four altars apiece dedicated to the Saints Vincent de Paul, Francis, Paul, John Vianney, John, Peter, Thomas Aquinas and Pope Pius X. Many do not know, but when there were upwards of 20 priests at Carroll these altars were used by them to say Mass, and each possesses a small niche once used to hold Holy Water and other Sacred implements.

According to various anecdotes, sometime during the late '80s and early '90s the pews were turned to face inward in a setup I have informally heard described as a "basilica style" setup. It was during that remodel that the current carpet of the Chapel was laid down. It was here that opinions of individuals I've talked to on the "proper" setup of the Chapel differed with some preferring the forward facing pews and others the inward. Both sides have appeal and legitimate arguments for them, and I myself am relatively undecided. Chances are the pew set up may always be a contention point for those who care about the Chapel, but I digress.

Adjacent to the main altar sits a statue of Saint Joseph on the right, and the Blessed Mother on the left.

One can still see the labels on the sides of a few statues which read "Giac. Vinc. Mussner", the Italian abbreviation for Mussner G. Vincenzo; a wood carving collective located in Northern Italy that possesses a long and prestigious past of making Catholic religious art since the late 1800s. As the plaques on each base suggest, each of these statues was dedicated to a myriad of generous donors that made the construction of the Chapel possible.

St. Joseph's Chapel may not be the biggest or newest religious space here at Carroll, but it is one that is important not only to students, but alumni alike.

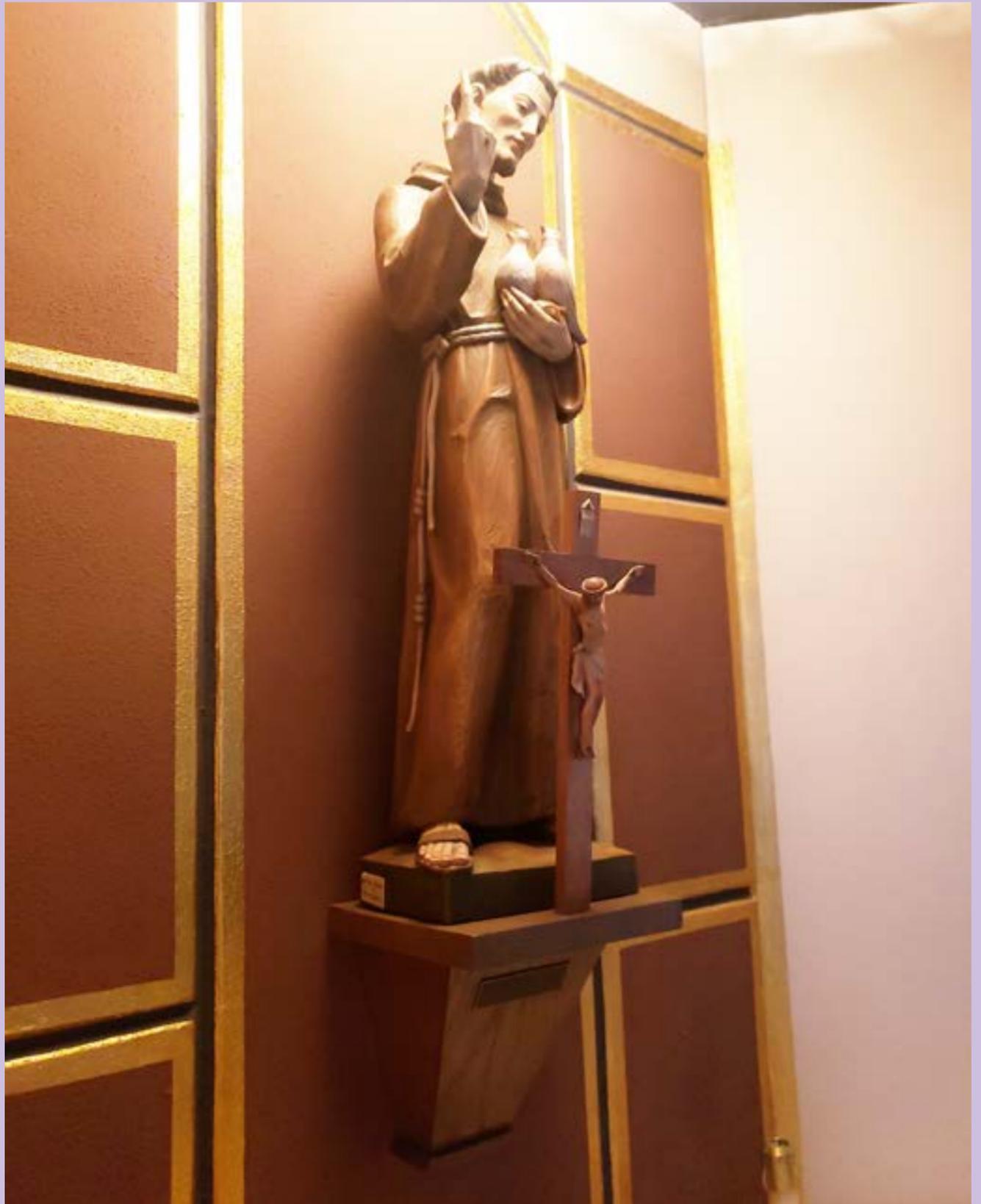
Before I had ever set foot on Carroll's campus I can distinctly remember my alumni father recounting his Carroll experience and the quiet dignity and beauty of St. Joseph's Chapel. It is a religious space more historically poignant than

most other here at Carroll, and I encourage those who may not have set foot in the Chapel to broaden their horizons, take a walk down to Borromeo Hall, and enjoy what the Chapel has to offer.

Undoubtedly the historic and deep personal value the Chapel holds for many carries an incentive for its preservation and care, and even though there are oftentimes more pressing institutional

matters, Saint Joseph's Chapel ought to be kept in mind when making decisions about the future of Carroll College.

All in all, one is hard pressed to find a space that more clearly embodies the long and storied history of Carroll College than the often overlooked Saint Joseph's Chapel.



Statue of Saint Francis in the Borromeo Chapel

Photo courtesy of Vicente Gallardo

Carroll's Got (no) Talent

Sage Lawrence

Staff Writer

Carroll's got no talent this year, or at least none that's going to be on stage this time around.

Due to the ongoing pandemic, Carroll's Got Talent was moved to a virtual setting this year. In the past years, Carroll Student Activities (CSA) annually hosts the famous Carroll's Got Talent event which includes talent auditions, panel of judges, and prizes for the top three acts.

"We are nervous about doing the talent show virtually because it has always been such a big event on campus every year, it is a tradition," said Jenny Tu, a senior

communication major and CSA director. "At the same time, we are optimistic because it gives people a chance to get involved and submit something they might not be able to do at an in person talent show."

Carroll students had the opportunity to submit their talent videos to YouTube before the March 17 deadline. As the deadline approached for the video submissions, there were very few students wanting to participate in the virtual talent show. CSA soon after made the decision to cancel the virtual talent show this year.

"It is definitely a bummer that we had to cancel the event. We thought maybe online would provide more opportunities for people to participate," said Tu. "But

hopefully next year we will be able to go back to in person talent show."

This year's virtual event did not draw in enough support and interest from Carroll students and the Carroll College community.

"I think it might've been unmotivating for some people to send in videos. We only got two participants this year," said Airam Lopez, a sophomore molecular biology and political science major and CSA member. "The virtual talent show also wouldn't have been as fun as an in-person talent show that we all love. I honestly don't think many people would've watched the talent show online even if we did get more participation."

CSA is continuing to plan safe and fun

events for Carroll students despite the difficult circumstances due to COVID-19.

"We all love our jobs and we're trying really hard to put on events people would like," said Lopez. "It's just really difficult since most of it has to be virtually or very limited in participation. "This month we've got the paint-a-pot, free movie nights and March Madness going on and these all seem to be really popular events. But we are all very open to new ideas and suggestions from everyone else."

Although events this spring look different than previous years, CSA is working hard to plan "COVID friendly" events. Every week, CSA sends out an email of their scheduled weekly events for students.

Student reaction to Carroll's housing changes

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Staff Columnist

Students at Carroll are yet again affected by COVID-19. However, this time students are a secondhand victim to the college feeling the financial hardship of this pandemic. As many may already know Carroll College is using student housing to generate revenue to dig them out of a financial hole.

Carroll, at first, came up with "Plan A" regarding housing changes. "Plan A" consists of making St. John and St. Alfred apartments open to non-undergraduate students. This group consists of graduate students, accelerated nursing students, alumni, faculty, staff, and community members. This would make only St. Catherine and St. Matthew apartments open to undergraduate students.

I have no idea how they thought kicking students out of their current apartments to offer them to non-students would be a good idea. A very small peace of mind, amid the freak out of being kicked out of your apartment, is Emily Busby, the assistant dean of students and director of Residential Life and Housing, claims that there is enough space in St. Catherine and St. Matthew to accommo-

date all the people who would have to move out of St. John and St. Alfred.

Even though it seems every student would get to stay in the apartment complex if they wanted, students seemed to be more focused on the fact it felt like Carroll didn't care about them. Carroll has been in the hot seat lately with students feeling ignored by a school that preaches the importance of school community.

This decision on housing made students feel even more disregarded. Many felt like Carroll was throwing them to the curb for its own capital gains. Needless to say, news spread through campus like wildfire and students were upset.

I can't imagine the amount of frustrated feedback that was received from students, as well as parents. The feedback did lead to Carroll creating a revised plan, which they so cleverly named "Plan B," because we all know when "Plan A" fails, turn to "Plan B."

"Plan B" allows current St. John and St. Alfred residents to remain in their apartment if they would like. This change seemed to calm down the current upperclassmen, but did not fix anything for the current sophomores. Many current sophomores were hoping to move into the apartments next year.

However, housing is picked on a seniority type basis so current apartment residents get first pick if they would like to move, and since St. John or St. Alfred apartments won't be accepting more undergraduate students the chance of an upcoming junior getting a spot in St. Catherine or St. Matthew is pretty slim.

A few students did bring up the concern of how much more it costs to live in Trinity Hall, but that is kind of the point of all this. Judy Hay explained the reasoning behind the decision is a temporary way to generate revenue for the college.

By keeping more students in the residence halls, and by opening the apartments to outside sources, revenue is expected to increase. Even with the change from "Plan A" to "Plan B," which alleviated some of the stress for current tenants, frustration among students remained.

The idea of Helena community members potentially living on campus has not sat right with students. This year students have been pretty vocal about some campus safety concerns and it seemed like maybe Carroll was listening to us for once, but the idea of opening up the apartments to non-students felt like a big step in the wrong direction.

Emily Busby has mentioned that all

community members will have to pass a background and credit check. Community members will have limited access to Carroll amenities as well. Non-students will only have access to public buildings, during business hours. They will not have access to the Hunthausen Activity Center because it is not a public building. They also won't have access to Carroll's Wi-Fi and their keycards will look different than student ID/keycards.

However, safety is not the only concern. Parking is pretty terrible already, and students are concerned about how much worse it will get with the addition of people beyond students, faculty, and staff.

My question is where did they get the idea that non-students would want to live on a college campus? I know I wouldn't. As a current junior and St. John resident I am happier with the change from "Plan A" to "Plan B," but I still don't agree this is the best way to generate revenue.

Remember, this is supposed to be a temporary change, but how long temporary means is in the air right now. No one seems to have an answer to when things will be back to normal. It all depends on when Carroll's finances recover.

New law, but Carroll firearm policy unchanged

Rylee Jacobson

Staff Writer

Firearms will still not be allowed at Carroll, despite the new state law that allows firearms to be carried without a permit.

Montana House Bill 102 allows adults to carry a concealed firearm without a permit in many new areas throughout the state. A significant change coming June 1, when part of this law goes into effect, is that property owned by the Montana University System is not exempt from the statewide concealed carry policies;

previous regulations on firearms placed by public colleges and universities will need to be reviewed to allow concealed carry on campus.

Ari Vasquez, a Montana State University sophomore, would like his fellow students to "know how to use a gun before bringing it on campus next year." Vasquez also suggests informing the students around when one is carrying on MSU campus, "in case they don't know the law and freak out in class about it." Vasquez is a business management major from Longmeadow, Massachusetts.

At the time of publication MSU Campus Police Department has not replied to

The Prospector related to HB 102.

Carroll College is a private institution not owned or governed by the Montana University System. In a campus-wide email, President John Cech wrote, using bolded text: "As has always been the case on Carroll's campus, weapons of any kind are prohibited." President Cech included notable exceptions of on-duty law-enforcement officers or those safely transporting personal firearms to and from the campus firearm storage area.

"Constitutional carry," as it's phrased in House Bill 102, has already been implemented in other types of areas in Montana. Previously banking institutions,

bars or casinos, and K-12 school buildings were gun-free zones. The changes with this new legislature have allowed most adults to bear concealed arms in such places. Private property owners and school boards can choose to prohibit concealed carry in their respective spaces.

While some may be excited or fearful for the changes these new regulations make in their daily lives, Ari Vasquez doesn't seem much concerned. "In the state of Montana, the likelihood of ... running into someone with a gun is high anyway."

Faith in action: Service Saturday

Madi McMahon

Staff Writer

Thirty-seven Carroll students headed out Saturday, March 20, to help the Helena community as part of the monthly Saturday Service outreach event.

Volunteers met at the Chapel Foyer at 8:30 a.m., to check in and have a quick breakfast. With full stomachs, able-bodies, and masked faces, students headed out to eight different locations including ExplorationWorks, Family Promise, and the Helena community gardens.

For two hours volunteers helped with various jobs including stocking food bank shelves and organizing equipment. Others were tasked with specific efforts

like making drip kits, an economically friendly way to irrigate the community garden. It's part of the effort, organized by the Hunthausen Center for Peace and Justice in which students from Carroll College are invited to give back to local businesses and members

After the event, Hunthausen Center team member and student Nathan Olmes, sophomore, environmental science, Benicia, California said he was excited about the number of students who participated.

"For the first Service Saturday in quite some time, we had a great turnout. COVID-19 restrictions have made it difficult for us to organize large group settings but it was awesome to see students back out there, while also keeping everyone

safe." Olmes said.

Olmes said he loves doing service and takes advantage of any opportunity.

"I think it's really important to reach the people who need our help," Olmes said. "I love the feeling I get after helping someone out and giving back to less fortunate people. Lastly, I can't think of a better reason as to why we were put on this earth than to help others."

Diedre Casey, Interim Associate Director of Campus Ministry, facilitated the event said that serving others allows us to grow in empathy and solidarity as we walk with each other in times of suffering and need.

"Service Saturdays and other service offerings through the Center for Peace

and Justice give Carroll students an opportunity to reach outside of themselves into the local community with their time and gifts," said Casey. "Look for further opportunities to serve your local as well as global community in monthly newsletters from Hunthausen Center for Peace and Justice."

The date for the next Saturday Service opportunity has not yet been determined. Students looking for sign-ups or more information can contact the Hunthausen Center for Peace and Justice via email at carroll.hunthausen@gmail.com or students may directly contact Diedre Casey via email at dlcasey@carroll.edu

Light at the end of the tunnel

Sage Lawrence

Staff Columnist

This month marks the one year anniversary of the pandemic. It's strange to look back and think about how unsure life was back then. Flash forward a year and we are all still suffering from this pandemic, but I think we often don't stop and think about the positive things we have taken from this experience.

We are all so tired of the endless heavy news, the loneliness, the wishing that we could go back to happier times. However this story isn't about the pain the year 2020 has brought to us, but rather about the good and the beautiful that I was able to experience because of this unfortunate event.

Watching the resilience of the human spirit has been remarkable. Watching all the creative ways people have learned to

adapt and overcome the past years obstacles has been a joy to observe.

Pre-pandemic I lived a very different life. Everything before March 2020 in my life ran on a very strict high pace schedule filled with classes, study time and two jobs. COVID-19 wrecked my schedule completely, I had no work, little school and no social life.

In the beginning the silence and stillness was uncomfortable. I had all this

time to think, read, reflect but I didn't like it. As time droned on I started to fall in love with the silence, I read books I never had time to read, I walked in the woods and really thought about the beauty of the world, I fell in love with cooking and yoga, I spent more time with my family than I had in years.

The pandemic was crushing, however it gave me all this precious time, and that time helped me fall in love with life.

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COVID Prevalence Report at Carroll

Carroll College has 1 new, laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 case, with 1 current active cases. As of 5 p.m. on 3/18/2021

Numbers reflect faculty, staff and students

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A Midsummer Night's Dream

Hope Angelica Emmanuel Grey

Staff Writer

Carroll College Theatre presented an immersive theatrical performance of William Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* the weekends of March 11-21 in the Carroll College FLEX Theatre.

In response to COVID, the production was performed live with a livestream option on March 18.

"I am happy to report that our production went very well," said Kim Shire, associate professor of theatre. "Between our in person crowd and livestream, we matched our usual numbers from pre-pandemic."

Rather than a stage and seating, the FLEX Theatre space was converted into an Athenian forest where attendees sat around the perimeter of the room, guided by fairies to see the major events of the production.

"We created this piece of art as theatre in the round, meaning we had audience members watching on nearly all sides of us," said Lily Hoelscher, a sophomore in theater and Spanish from Baker City, Oregon. "This meant a much more three-dimensional acting style for the cast, so we had to keep very aware of which way we were facing and who could see us during which scenes."

Each performance allowed a maximum of 20 audience members. The theater required mask wearing for all actors, staff, crew and audience members.

"The Global-Event-That-Shall-Not-Be-Named actually ended up allowing our rehearsal structure to be a little more drawn out than we usually have the privilege of for the first spring-semester show, and that allowed us to get more time in for rehearsals and be in a very good place by our first dress rehearsal," said Tom Trangmoe, a junior in international relations and theater from Stevensville, MT.

Carroll Theatre techs and camera fairies followed characters as the story evolved,

providing a multi-camera, immersive experience for those who viewed the performance at home.

"We have learned a lot about livestreaming over this year, and have created a really lovely five-camera shoot of our production that I am very proud of," said Shire.

A Midsummer Night's Dream, the marriage of Theseus, Duke of Athens, and Hippolyta, former Queen of the Amazons depicting the adventures of four lovers and a group of amateur actors, follows the theater's 2020 seasonal theme of Metamorphosis.

For more information about upcoming performances, visit the Carroll College Theatre Facebook page at www.facebook.com/CarrollCollegeTheatre.



Syd Mammano as Helena and Joey Pesa as Demetrius.

Photo courtesy of Hope Emmanuel Grey



Ian Rausch as Wall and Tom Trangmoe as Bottom.

Photo courtesy of Hope Emmanuel Grey



Cailin Spencer as Titania and Ryan Eggersperger as Oberon.

Photo courtesy of Hope Emmanuel Grey

Women's basketball: Great season ends too soon

Josh Mansfield

Staff Writer

“Disappointed. Heartbroken. Devastated.”

Women’s basketball head coach Rachelle Sayers used those words to describe the March 14 match-up against Lewis-Clark State, which Carroll lost 67-76, knocking the Saints out of the national tournament.

After being selected as the number one seed in the region and consistently ranking in the top ten in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Coaches’ Poll all year, “we definitely had high hopes for this tournament,” Sayers said.

While Sayers was quick to acknowledge the excellent game played by Lewis-Clark, and Carroll’s lack thereof, she wasn’t without some critique of the way the tournament was run on an administrative level.

“We were under the impression that we were going to be playing in Omaha, Nebraska, for our final game before the round of 16,” Sayers said. “Then the night before the bracket reveal, we got a call that we shouldn’t buy our tickets just yet, and I knew we would end up at Lewis-Clark State for our game.”

Sayers’s prediction proved correct, and Carroll had to play as an away team, despite being ranked the number one seed in the region.

“We are just frustrated with the handling of the entire process,” Sayers said.

While this season may not have ended the way Carroll expected, the window of opportunity has not completely passed for this team.

The NAIA has followed suite of other larger conferences, ruling that this year will not count against player eligibility. This means Carroll’s seniors – several of whom received all-conference awards – can return for another year if they choose to do so. Sayers said that four of Carroll’s five seniors have indicated they are considering playing an additional season, although they realistically have until this summer to decide.

Even if no seniors decide to return, there is “consolation” born from the Fighting Saints’ phenomenal season.

Carroll routed the Frontier Conference, going 13-1 during the regular season in conference play, including a win in the conference championship against Western Montana.

That game, which was Sayers 199th win as Carroll’s head coach, was an affir-



Photo courtesy of Carroll Athletics

Jamie Pickens shoots a layup.

mation of the hard work the team had put into the season.

“I am so proud of the girls,” Sayers said. “The COVID year was a hard

season; physically, mentally, and emotionally. It’s amazing what they were able to accomplish.”

Nikki Krueger: National Champion!

Vicente Gallardo

Staff Writer

Nikki Krueger has shotputted herself to a national championship.

The 41st Annual NAIA Indoor Track and Field National Championship took place from Wednesday, March 3, to Saturday, March 6, at Mount Marty University in Yankton, South Dakota. Carroll College was represented by 10 student athletes, 8 of them women. The women’s team placed 12th overall.

Carroll’s Nikki Krueger, a senior majoring in Business Administration from Kalispell, became the Women’s National Shot Put champion with a throw of 14.12m.

“Experiencing this National meet was so much different than anything I have been a part of before,” said Krueger. “All the steps and precautions we had to go through made it just that little bit harder to prepare for the meet. Overall, I felt ready for this meet and wasn’t looking to throw an amazing mark, but to make the most out of this experience. Bringing back this win to the Carroll track program was something that I will forever be proud of and never forget.”

Carroll was also represented by pole vaulter Kelsey Bassett, a senior Anthropology Major from Granite Falls Washington, who placed third.

“I love to compete, but I also love spending time with my teammates and making memories that not every athlete gets to experience,” said Bassett. “I think it is meets like Nationals that allow our team to grow, support each other, and set goals to strive for.”

Carroll placed 8th in the Distance Medley Relay with seniors Elly Machado of Castleford, Idaho, Kendyl Pierson of Livingston, and sophomores Natalie Yocum of Frenchtown, Reghan Worley of Evanston, Wyoming, and Kate Picanco of Spokane. Worley also placed 7th individually in the 3000m.

“It was just a really amazing experience to share with a lot of very talented and hard-working athletes from around the nation, especially my fellow Carroll teammates,” said Worely.

On the men’s side of things sophomore Lee Walburn of Whitefish took fourth in the heptathlon.

Other representatives of Carroll included seniors Josh Malone of Missoula,

who was unfortunately unable to finish the heptathlon due to an injury, and pole vaulter Shae Helterbran of Billings.

Krueger, Bassett, Machado, Pierson, Yocum, Worley, Picanco, and Walburn were honored as All-Americans.

“As Head Coach I am very proud of the team for the perseverance they had to continue with this indoor season,” said

Head Coach of Track and Field, Harry Clark. “The circumstances this season were less than ideal. We only had two warm up meets for Nationals instead of the usual six, and the team had to deal with getting COVID tested all the time. By having a willingness to compete despite the circumstances the team showed strong commitment. They represented the

team, Carroll, and the State of Montana exceptionally. We are excited for what is to come as the outdoor Track and Field season begins.”

The first outdoor competition for Carroll’s Track and Field team will take place on Saturday, March 27 at the University of Montana in Missoula.



Photo courtesy of Carroll Athletics

Nikki Krueger poses with Coach James Stanton after becoming a shot put National Champion.

Men's basketball: Saints reach national quarterfinals

Josh Mansfield

Staff Writer

The clock finally struck midnight on Carroll's Cinderella dream.

Carroll (the 15 seed) dropped to Southwestern Assemblies of God University (the 7 seed) 73-65 on Saturday, March 20 in the quarterfinals of the national tournament in Kansas City, Missouri.

"Of course, we are disappointed that we didn't win," said Kurt Paulson, head coach of the men's basketball team. "But it certainly wasn't for a lack of effort."

With less than three minutes in the game, Carroll, who had played excellent basketball all tournament, was tied with SAGU.

"And then we just couldn't stop the big guy," Paulson said.

That big guy, Joel Polius, had 27 points and 10 rebounds and propelled SAGU to the final four and sending Carroll back to Montana.

While Carroll was often seen as underdogs in the tournament due to their at large bid and low seeding, Paulson said that there wasn't even a "doubt in their minds" that they deserved to be there.

"We had a slow start to the season, but we were a young team still trying to figure each other out," Paulson said. "But we expected our names to be called for that at large bid. We had big wins down the stretch and knew we deserved to be in that tournament."

After having their names called, Carroll then had to earn their ticket to Kansas City with wins over Texas Wesleyan and then Arizona Christian at a regional tournament in early March.

"They were tough teams, but those victories got us ready for the national stage," Paulson said.

After arriving at Kansas City and drawing the number 15 seed, Carroll had to face off against number two seed William Penn, a team that averaged triple digit

scoring during the regular season.

They didn't score anything close to triple digits against the Fighting Saints. Carroll's men held them to a meager 62 points, in a 85-62 victory in the sweet sixteen.

"We were completely confident that we could win that game," Paulson said. "We knew we could shut them down."

That win pushed them into the round of eight, where Carroll's exciting run ended.

While the season may have come to a

close sooner than hoped, Paulson said that he is excited for next season.

"We have no seniors on our team," Paulson said. "It's a bright future for our young team who've already accomplished so much."



Ifeanyi Okeke defends the hoop against William Penn at the national tournament

Photo courtesy of Dale Grosbach

Saints volleyball defeats Western; splits with Northern

Dennis Flowers

Staff Writer

Montana State University-Northern put a halt to the Saint's recent winning streak. The Saints lost their March 20 match against the Skylights 1-3 and are currently sitting with a 10-6 overall and in the conference.

Women's Volleyball bounced back after two losses to the Providence Argos in the beginning of March and answered with a dominating performance over Montana Western on March 15-16. They won 3-2 and then 3-1. The Saints added

to their success by sweeping Montana State University-Northern three games to nothing on March 19.

The Saints may have gotten a little complacent as Lexi Mikkelsen, a junior business major from Nine Mile Falls, Washington, said they needed to feel a loss.

"We just had an off day as a team and individuals," said Mikkelsen. "It was a reality check that we can't take any games off. I think it will fire us up for the remainder of the season"

The women fought hard despite the loss and their leaders were; Taelyr Krantz, a redshirt junior math major from Helena, lead offensively with 15 kills Lexie

Gleasant a redshirt freshman public health major, from Chelan, Washington and Lexi Mikkelsen, a junior business major from Nine Mile Falls, Washington both added 10 kills, Julia Carr, a freshman business management major from Portland, Oregon, chipped in defensively with 20 digs.

Manager Alex Olmes, a senior business marketing and management major from Bencia, CA said he is impressed with the Saint's will to improve after every game win or loss.

"The ladies this year have done a good job coming back from tough matches this year and most of their losses have been close games, which has shown their

resilience and tenacity," Alex said. "They learn from their mistakes from the previous weekend's games but move on to the next ones with improvement and winning on their minds."

The desire for success has proven to be their greatest asset, according to coach Maureen Boyle, with a never quit mentality the Saints will make their mark on this season and on the Frontier Conference said Boyle.

The Saints were scheduled to compete at home this Friday and Saturday March 26 and 27 against Rocky Mountain College. However the matches have been cancelled due to COVID-19 protocols.

Saints Softball season in full swing

Emma Jenkins

Staff Writer

The Carroll College Fighting Saints softball team hits the dirt after a year off due to COVID-19.

The Saints softball team is currently 6-13 overall, and 3-5 for conference.

Over this past weekend the Saints played Northwest University of Washington in Kirkland, Washington. The team played two double headers on March 20-21.

On March 20 the Saints ended with one win and one loss. On March 21 the games resulted in another win and loss for the Saints.

Despite the loss on Sunday, March 21 the win in the first game secured a series win for Carroll in the conference season.

The women have been working hard since coming back from Christmas break

on Jan. 18. Saints softball got off to a rocky start in preseason games but are hopeful and confident that they can pull out a winning season. Head Coach Aaron Jackson explained the obstacles that have been thrown their way.

"I am excited for the home opener this weekend on March 12, facing EOU (Eastern Oregon University). This team has learned a lot in a shortened preseason and has grown over the past week," said Jackson.

With the returning players coming back more ready to play than ever and the freshman coming in ready to start their first college season, the team is more fired up than ever.

With having two seniors on the team this year, Brooke Brewer, a Health Science major from Peoria, Arizona and Katie Huisman, a biochemistry major

from Great Falls, Montana. They both have gone through the program from freshman to present day. The pressure is even more immense to be safe and follow the COVID-19 guidelines set out for the team in order to have a complete season.

"Excited to be back on the field. Get on the dirt and get some wins under our belt. This is my last season at Carroll and more importantly playing with my sister. I want to make it count, just want to ball out," said Brewer.

As the season progresses, players are looking forward to having a season this year and especially getting to play at home.

"Softball built me as a person, so to have this opportunity to play the game one more time has made me feel so fortunate. Seeing how quickly a season can be taken away has changed how I play the

game, no regrets and lots of smiles. Go Saints!" said Huisman.

The early losses in pre-season have sparked a hunger for more wins to come. Hard work has been put into the season by the coaches, including Jackson and the assistant coach, his sister, Sarah Birmell. Jackson fought for the team to be able to fly to further games in order to be back on time for players to go to their classes on Monday. No other team at Carroll has been granted this privilege.

"It is going to be a beautiful weekend and it is so good to be playing at home for the first time in over a year. This group is only beginning and I can't wait to see the growth this team makes over the course of the season," said Jackson.

The Saints will be heading into their next double headers in Caldwell, Idaho against The College of Idaho.

Men's soccer loses to Rocky, now 4-2 in conference

Rory Bloy

Staff Writer

The Fighting Saints Men's Soccer team is currently standing with a 4-2 record overall and for conference.

On Sunday and Monday, March 21-22 the Saints played Rocky Mountain College in Billings, Montana. The Saints fell to the Battlin' Bears 0-1 and 1-2.

The Saints have taken every opportunity to play and get some practice in this semester, to make up for the difficulties COVID-19 has posed for athletics.

Prior to playing Rocky Mountain College, the Saints played Multnomah and Eastern Oregon University. Carroll defeated Multnomah 8-1 and 5-0. The Saints also beat EOU 4-1 and 1-0.

On March 2 the Saints played Gonzaga University in Spokane, Washington. The team lost the game 1-4 but gained invaluable experience against much tougher opposition just before their conference began. Gonzaga is a Division 1 school, so the outcomes of the match will not reflect the Saints standing in conference.

Paolo Georgiades, a team captain's, was delighted with the team performance and says that he is "excited to have a platform to push on from" and that this season will be a "test of every team's mental and physical toughness" as every weekend consists of two physically grueling back-to-back fixtures.

The Saints continue to prepare for a Spring season, unlike another they have played before.

"I'd like the team to remain level-headed and just take it game by game, there's still a lot of soccer to be played before the end of conference," said Head Coach Doug Mello.

The team is still early in the season and continue to work hard as playoffs approach.

Mello added, "The team will do the fans proud even if they're not allowed in" and that "The boys are raging to go again!"

The Fighting Saints Soccer team will next be playing the University of Providence in Great Falls, Montana on March 28-29. The game can be live streamed on Youtube, link can be found on carrollathletics.com.

Women's soccer finding the back of the net

Blair Stapleton

Staff Writer

The Carroll College women's soccer team garnered a win as well as a loss from its games in Billings against Rocky Mountain College on March 21 and 22.

On Sunday, the Saints lost 2-1 in double overtime. Hannah Mitchell, senior forward and nursing student from Nine Mile Falls, Washington, scored the Saints' lone goal.

Carroll redeemed itself on Monday with a 3-2 win in double overtime. Goals from sophomore Kody Clements, senior Katie Anderson, and freshman Natalie Brown contributed to the victory.

"It was a very well-played match," said assistant coach Meghan O'Connell. "Carroll came out on top with a massively nice goal."

On March 7 and 8, Carroll faced Eastern Oregon University, ending the weekend with a 2-0 loss and a 0-0 tie. EOU is ranked tenth in the nation, and first in the Cascade Conference.

"I'm really happy with how we played EOU," said team captain, Katie Anderson.

"They're ranked nationally, but we didn't let that intimidate us." Anderson is a health science major from Spokane Washington.

The first weekend of games for the Carroll women's soccer team, on March 7, were canceled. Multnomah University opted out of the season due to COVID-19, leaving the Saints with only eight conference matches.

Fortunately, head coach David Thorvilson was able to schedule two non-conference matches in place of the Multnomah games. The Saints beat Western Oregon University 2-0, and Vancouver Victory Football Club, 1-0.

Counting the first two, unofficial matches of the season, the Fighting Saints have a record of 3-1-2.

Their official conference record is 1-1-2.

The Saints will face University of Providence in Great Falls on March 28 and 29. Due to COVID-19, no spectators will be allowed. The game will be available to livestream via YouTube.



Photo courtesy of Samantha Flett

Matthew Burgess carries the ball for the Saints against Eastern Oregon University on March 20.

Spring football: Action on the field. Quiet in the stands.

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Four games.

After nearly a year and a half since the Fighting Saints were last on the gridiron, they will have four games this year to prove their preparation during COVID has paid off.

And the results thus far have been, at best, mixed.

Carroll lost 28-0 against Eastern Oregon University Saturday, March 20 in their second and final away game for the season.

"We played well but at the end of the game, Oregon was the better team," said Troy Purcell, head coach of the Football Team.

Carroll dominated the rushing game, with Matthew Burgess, sophomore, Junction City, Oregon, rushing for 134 yards.

"Matthew is an incredible player," Purcell said. "We just need to capitalize on those opportunities that he's giving us."

Eastern Oregon was led by quarterback Kai Quinn who threw for 216 yards, including one touchdown pass in the second.

"I was really proud of our defense; even when it was hard, they only bent and

never broke. We just need to get them off the field quicker," Purcell said.

Despite the strong rushing game and an overall strong defensive game, a fumble in the second quarter and blocked punt in the third were both capitalized on by Eastern Oregon, and proved too great to overcome.

"Special teams mistakes were the difference maker in that game," Purcell said.

Despite those mistakes, Purcell had nothing but praise for his staff.

"We've got a couple new hires this season and I'm really pleased with the way that they are coming together to help build upon this winning program."

The loss drops Carroll to 1-1 for the season, after a close win (14-12) against Rocky Mountain College March 13.

While playoffs are still on the line this shortened season, Purcell's priorities lie elsewhere.

"Of course, we want to be in the playoffs ... but this season is just competitive spring ball, and we are going to capitalize on that time to get our younger guys some experience on the field. We want them comfortable and ready to go next year."

Carroll plays Montana State University-Northern Saturday, March 27 at home.

Jibber Jabber:

What did you do on your "Spring Break?"

"I probably would have stayed in Helena and hung with friends ... but I was in quarantine for spring break instead."

-Roisin O'Neill, sophomore pre-law major, from Lake Oswego, Oregon



"I'm going on a trip with my mom (following COVID precautions) and I feel a bit better about doing it because we are all vaccinated."

-Cara White, junior nursing major, from Bridger, Montana



"Most of the population is still unvaccinated and therefore at-risk so I don't think that I'll change my behaviors much."

-Elizabeth "Libby" Aguon, junior nursing major, from Portland, Oregon



"I was supposed to go to Ocean Shores, Washington, but I couldn't because of COVID-19."

-Johnny Goodman, freshman education major, from Newport, Washington



"I didn't relax, that's for sure. I played softball both days."

-Sarah Conway, sophomore health sciences major, from Great Falls



"I did homework."

-Hayden Miller, sophomore biology major, Vancouver, Washington



"My spring break consisted of doing all the extra homework that was piled on to help prevent students from going home."

-Audrey Brown, freshman anthrozoology major, from Plains, Montana



"Some of my dearest friends had their family come into town and we hung out for seven days straight. I learned I liked my friend's parents as much as I liked them and am excited to not just visit my friends over the summer but also their families."

-Ben Zepeda, sophomore business major, from Coeur d'Alene, Idaho



"I didn't go anywhere or do anything in particular. I went on a walk with a couple of friends, but other than that I did homework."

-Aidan Scott, freshman computer information systems major, from Townsend, Montana



"I had a lot of fun team bonding playing softball in Billings, Montana."

-Whitney Durocher, sophomore biology, from Choteau, Montana



"I spent much needed quality with my close family members which has been so hard due to COVID-19. Hiking outside was definitely our go to."

-McKenna Bessette, freshman education major, from Missoula



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"Well, my hamster died, so I was listening to a lot of Drake. I really just wanted to lock in and appreciate the blessings. There was also a "Naked and Afraid" marathon going on, so I was tuned into that as well."

-Sayer Patton, sophomore biology major, from Choteau, Montana

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"My best friend's birthday happened to be on the first day of break, so we stayed up partying till 5 a.m. both nights."

-Katherine Fagg, sophomore health science major, from Missoula



"I slept a lot, played Xbox, and went snowboarding."

-Bryan Brensdaal, junior health sciences, from Billings, Montana



"I got to visit home and spend time with family and friends and spend some time outside which was lovely."

-Hannah Conrad, sophomore nursing major, from Spokane, Washington



"I did lots of homework on Tuesday and went skiing at Great Divide on Wednesday with two friends."

-Matthew Glimm, freshman biology major, from Kalispell, Montana



"I did a lot, first I had a sleepover with my nephew, then I had a family dinner with my grandparents. I finished the break by driving around the Puget Sound with my bestie to all my favorite restaurants"

-Shelby Sola, junior psychology major, from Graham, Washington.



"For my spring break I went home to Billings to see my family. It was a quick trip, but I was happy to get a small refresh."

-Kendal Compton, senior public health major, from Billings



"I stayed in town and had basketball practice. I took advantage of some extra time to finish up homework."

-Jamie Pickens, junior health science major, from Helena



"I spent spring break working and getting some extra sleep because I didn't have the time to go out of town."

-Hannah Lawrence, sophomore biology major, from Monterey, California



"I did a lot of skiing in the big sky. Snow wasn't amazing but it was still a sick time."

-Nick Anderson, freshman, undecided major, from Vail, Colorado.



"I studied because the break wasn't long enough."

-Breanna Cook, junior health science and French major, from Great Falls



"I left Carroll College and went to my hometown of Kalispell, Montana for my sister's birthday party. Then I chilled for a couple days and went to Missoula for some Red Robin, and I came back to school."

-Clayton Murray, junior business marketing and management major, from Kalispell